

# Theme 6 Project Guide:

**Deadline: August 8, 2022**

**Purpose:** Working in groups and collaborating on projects is an essential skill to practice. The group project allows you to demonstrate your understanding of Theme 6 of the integrative themes, as well as apply the information learned in the psychology of groups. Theme 6 states, *“Applying psychological principles can change our lives, organizations, and communities in positive ways.”* Groups will be assigned the second week of class based on topic interests. The essential part of this assignment is developing a community action plan that tackles an issue you are passionate about that arises in your community. You will demonstrate your knowledge of psychological principles by applying what you’ve learned in the class to this community action plan.

## Components of Final Proposal

### Explanation of social issue selected (5 points)

- Must be 1 page
- Explains what the social issue is and why you selected this particular social issue
- Explains the root causes of the social issue
- You must cite 1-2 reliable sources.

### Strategy and project proposal (10 points)

- Must be 2-3 pages
- Addresses who will be impacted and where the project will occur
- Describes your “ultimate outcome” and the nature of what you want to see improved through this project
- Explains in detail what the project entails

Note: *Nothing actually has to be done for this project, but you should explain it thoroughly enough that if you present this proposal to someone, they will know generally the steps that need to be taken to accomplish the task*

### Connection to psychology (10 points)

- Must be 1 page
- Names and defines particular psychological concept learned in course
- Explains how this psychological component connects to the project
- You must cite 1 source with concept and definition.

### Format and Grammar (5 points)

- Times New Roman, 12-point font, double spaced, 1-inch margins
- Free of grammar and spelling mistakes
- You must cite sources in APA style.

## Components of Final Presentation (20 points)

- Summarizes each of the three sections from proposal

- Explains your process of completing the project
- Answers any questions

## Timeline:

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>July 7: Group Project Inventory</b></p> <p>Due:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Fill out inventory (given first day of class) that will be used to form groups</li></ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>July 14: Group Development and Brainstorming</b></p> <p>Weekly Directives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Learn about psychology of groups</li><li>• Meet with group in class (and outside of class if needed)</li><li>• Exchange information and decide on best communication</li><li>• Brainstorm social issues you want to tackle</li></ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>July 21: Strategizing</b></p> <p>Due:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Social Issue Selection Worksheet</li></ul> <p>Directives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Learn about social change</li><li>• Meet with group in class (and outside of class if needed)</li><li>• Brainstorm ways to tackle the selected social issue</li></ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>July 28: Applying Psychology</b></p> <p>Due:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Strategizing Worksheet</li></ul> <p>Directives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Learn about applied psychology</li><li>• Meet with group in class (and outside of class if needed)</li><li>• Brainstorm psychological concepts that can be applied to a social issue</li></ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>August 4: Peer Review and Finalizing</b></p> <p>Due:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Application Worksheet</li></ul> <p>Directives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Peer Review in class</li><li>• Meet with group in class (and outside of class if needed)</li><li>• Work on finalizing proposal</li><li>• Prepare presentation for class</li></ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>August 9: Theme 6 Project Showcase</b></p> <p>Due:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• All final materials for project</li><li>• Presentation</li></ul> <p>Directives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Present your group project</li><li>• Evaluate other group projects</li></ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>August 10: Evaluation</b></p> <p>Due:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Teamwork evaluation</li><li>• Group presentation evaluation</li></ul>

**Grading Breakdown:**

<b>Due Date</b>	<b>Assignment</b>	<b>Points</b>	<b>Group or Individual</b>
7/21	Selecting Social Issue Document*	5	Group
7/28	Tackling Social Issue Document*	5	Group
8/4	Applying Psychology Document*	5	Group
8/4	Peer Review (In Class)*	5	Individual
8/9	Final Proposal	30	Group
8/9	Final Presentation	20	Group
8/9	Group Presentation Evaluation (In Class)*	5	Individual
8/10	Teamwork Evaluation (In Class)**	10	Individual
	<b>Total</b>	<b>85</b>	

\*Documents to be filled out and submitted will be administered in class.

\*\*Teamwork evaluation will be administered on the last day of class. Each person will evaluate all team members' contributions to the project (out of 10). These scores will be averaged for your final score for teamwork evaluation. I hold the final say if I feel that the averages do not accurately reflect my observations of an individual's contributions.